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SUBJECT: *MRSA - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus*

This memo transmits information from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) regarding MRSA. A VDH Alert and fact sheets about Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* are available at the Web sites listed below. School nutrition program staff should contact the local health department to address questions.

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/Alerts/MRSA.htm>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/factsheets/Methicillin.htm>

The division's food safety plan and standard operating procedures (SOP) for hand washing should be reinforced with all school nutrition staff. The National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) developed a hand washing training kit that was distributed to all Virginia school divisions in 2005. *Wash Your Hands* is also available for download from the NFSMI Web site, including printable posters that may be useful to school nutrition programs and the school community.

<http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/handsindex.html>